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SUBJECT: OMAN - DESIGNATION OF MALAYSIAN BANK AND BANK MELLAT
CHAIRMAN UNDER E.O. 13382

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CLASSIFIED BY: Richard J Schmierer, Ambassador, State, Exec; REASON:
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(C) While presenting a demarche on another subject at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on November 17, Pol Econ Chief took the opportunity to inform the Government of Oman of the United States' designation of First East Export Bank as well as Ali Divandari, chairman of Bank Mellat, under Executive Order 13382 on blocking the property of weapons of mass destruction proliferators and their supporters. Counselor Ahmad bin Sa'id bin Umar al-Kathiri, Deputy Director of the American Affairs Department, promised to disseminate the information to all applicable GoO bodies. He said that while he doubts that the designated entities operate in Oman, which is not a financial center, Oman will take all action required by UNSCRs 1737, 1747, and 1803.

Schmierer